

GMP Dinner & Dance 2007

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Dear Diary,

I walked into the lush ambience of the Hilton Hotel and proceeded to the lift lobby, with a bulging bag of clothes and props prepared specially for the night's occasion in hand. While waiting for the lift to come back from heaven, I was joined by a porter, smartly dressed in pressed Hilton uniform, who acknowledged me with a nod and a smile. I noticed him taking a peek into my bag, as if half expecting to find anything remotely interesting within. He smiled at me, and said "24th floor?" I nod and replied, "Yeah, Dinner and Dance costume party."

On the 24th floor, I was instantaneously swimming in activity. Colours Fantasia was the name, and GMPians made sure the party would be more alive with hues than a coral reef. The couple of weeks of team name submissions (*like The Red Devils, Brown Cowboy Rodeo, International Gold Travellers, Pinky Pyjamas, Futuristic Silver Hunters...*) couldn't have helped brew an anticipatory imagination close to the feast for eyes that night. There were shimmering trench coats, pistols and arrows, technicolour turbans, and a Red Indian with huge curly Afro who would have fit in with the retro crowd if he put on a pair of bellbottoms.

The event was a non-stop spectacular. There was the mesmerising awe of a fire-wielding performer, the spice of provocatively dancing colleagues, and the spell of an escape extraordinaire. But the programme for the night made sure no one remained seated throughout. We were called up group after group for a minute of fame, showcasing the fruits of our creative geniuses. Colleagues amused colleagues and bosses broke down all barriers.

Looking back, something about what CEO, Ms Annie Yap, said hit home. For that night, with everyone gathered without his or her weekday work-wear, a single reality could be seen easily. Amidst the parading, the fun, side-splitting jokes and beer-guzzling, GMP felt like family.

Daniel



Ms Annie Yap (third from left), CEO of The GMP Group, with staff.



The D&D committee as the Red Hot devils!



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